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TO THE

MARCHIONESS OF BUCKINGHAM

THESE lines are respectfully addressed. And though her taste may not, perhaps, find much to approve in the following little Poem, there seem to be some reasons that it should be presented to Her.

It alludes to an important event, which was favoured at the time by the good offices of her Father, and to a place, which is well known for the hospitality of her Family.

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INSCRIPTION

OF AN ANCIENT IRISH ALTAR

FOUND NEAR THE LAKE OF DONORE,

AT THE SEAT OF SIR JAMES NUGENT, BART.

IN THE COUNTY OF WESTMEATH, IN IRELAND;

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR, 1779:

WHEN A FREE TRADE WAS GRANTED

TO THAT KINGDOM.

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T R A N S L A T I O N.

WHEN now the Years shall be complete,

These words to after times shall say,

Stranger who e'er thou art, whose feet

O'er old Donor's lone borders stray,

If seeking that which still retires,

Hither for happiness they came;

And free from pride, or base desires,

Thy heart can hold a generous aim;

Welcome

Welcome from city crowds and noise,
 From factious din and selfish strife,
 Welcome to scenes of safer joys,
 To rural ease, and friendly life.

Good Powers there are on earth that bide,
 Felt, tho' not seen by human race,
 Near forests dark, or waters wide:
 The unknown Spirits of the place.
 Of such am I, and here I choose
 These secret haunts and calm retreats,
 And here this guardian altar rose,
 To mark my solitary feats.

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See fertile fields, prolific floods,
Vallies and verdant uplands join,
With lawns and pastures, wilds and woods,
To make yon bright assemblage mine.

Here dwell beside my murmuring rills,
Or on my airy heights above,
Gay Health, the huntress of the hills,
And Joy, the songster of the grove.

But hence, each listless idler hence,
Ye who your days to sports can give,
And ye of letter'd indolence,
Who die in learning how to live.

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For sure retirement's sweets were made,
Their choicest comforts to disclose,
When active wisdom seeks the shade,
Or wearied worth demands repose.

'Tis then my scenes a charm bestow,
That bids all restless thoughts to cease;
Pleasure on ev'ry leaf to grow,
And ev'ry wind to whisper peace.

But who around this conscious Lake
Shall teach my fav'rite sounds to move?
Who from their distant cells awake
My Echoes to the name I love?

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Perhaps from thee their voice may learn
To foorth with Goldsmith's name mine ear ;
For know, his studious youth shall earn
It's first and fairest honours here.

Here first shall feel that genius blest,
To mortals lent by Heav'n alone ;
In letters and in life confest,
O sweet Simplicity thine own.

No avarice here shall tune his strings
Nor wild ambition prompt his hand ;
His wealth, what sober witness brings,
His pride, the pride of self command.

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Hence

Hence he shall prize a Poet's fame,
As truth and manly thoughts inspire;
And hence to lasting measures frame
The moral lessons of his lyre.

And O! too well his fates shall show,
His days were destin'd, like his song,
To teach, that man can want below
"But little, nor that little long."

If thou can'st grieve for merit cross'd,
Ne'er ask the hardships of his doom;
Prais'd and neglected, lov'd and lost:
His Patrons may adorn his tomb.

But

But welcome here, whoever thou art,
Of views enlarg'd, and liberal mind,
To take in general cares thy part,
As man, to feel for all mankind.

Where many an age their fame has stood,
'Tis here the social virtues rest,
The rich delight of doing good,
The blessing, to make others blest.

And in those walls which own my name,
A share of all, to all his giv'n;
While still the poor their portion claim,
And bear it with their prayers to Heav'n.

But

But mark this stone's prophetic lore;

When the Third George shall rule this isle,

When nineteen Winters shall be o'er,

And ere the twentieth Spring can smile:

New hours of glory shall appear,

When ev'n the poor shall greet their home,

And hail with hopes the rising year,

For arts and affluence to come.

Soon, like the clouds of dawning day,

Their cloth, their sufferings shall be past,

And mild contentment's golden ray

Set on their evening toils at last.

Ev'n

Ev'n on my banks shall wealth reside,
Nor think these sacred letters vain,

While neighbouring Enny's friendly tide *
Shall lead *my* waters to the main.

Then, held no more in nature's spite,
Shall Commerce from her chains be freed,
Strong hands, and grateful hearts unite,
And plenty crown the patriot deed.

And hark, Hibernia's sons reply,
"Our King shall gain when we receive,
"For him we oft have dared to die,
"For him we now shall boast to live".

* By means of this River, a communication might easily be made
between the Lake and the Sea.

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